

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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 FRANK LIU, :
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 Plaintiff, : 22-CV-9084 (JHR) (OTW)
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 -against- : **ORDER**
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 THE NIELSEN COMPANY (US) LLC, et al., :
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 Defendants. :
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ONA T. WANG, United States Magistrate Judge:

The Court is in receipt of ECF Nos. 131, 132, 137, and 142, as well as responsive briefing.

On January 24, 2025, I directed the Office of Pro Se Litigation to attempt to locate a full scope pro bono attorney to represent Plaintiff in this case. (ECF 124). Then, on February 6, 2025, I stayed discovery until March 7, 2025, without prejudice to further extensions, or until pro bono counsel is secured and files a notice of appearance in this case, whichever occurs earlier. (ECF 129). To date, pro bono counsel has not appeared.

Since my February 6 order, *pro se* Plaintiff Frank Liu has filed a motion to strike Defendants' first, ninth, and tenth affirmative defenses, (ECF 131), a motion requesting a settlement conference, (ECF 132), and a motion to continue the stay of discovery. (ECF 142). Defendants filed an opposition to Plaintiff's motion to strike, (ECF 135), and oppose Plaintiff's motion for a settlement conference to the extent that it may occur before pro bono counsel is secured. (ECF 133). Defendants do not oppose Plaintiff's motion to stay discovery. (ECF 143). Defendants filed a separate motion to stay the entire case until pro bono counsel appears. (ECF 137), which Plaintiff opposes. (ECF 139).

Defendants' motion to stay the entire case (ECF 137) is **DENIED**.

Plaintiff's motion to stay discovery (ECF 142) is **GRANTED**. Discovery is hereby **STAYED** until **April 23, 2025**, or until pro bono counsel is secured and files a notice of appearance in this case, if it occurs before April 23, 2025.

Because the Court has scheduled separate pre-settlement conference calls for Plaintiff and Defendants on April 23, 2025, (ECF Nos. 140, 141), Plaintiff's motion for a settlement conference (ECF 132) is **DENIED as moot**.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to close ECF Nos. 132, 137, and 142.

SO ORDERED.

s/ Ona T. Wang

Dated: March 21, 2025
New York, New York

Ona T. Wang
United States Magistrate Judge